

Older Americans Month Sample Proclamation

May is Older Americans Month. Use this proclamation as a template for creating your own Older Americans Month 2011 proclamation. This year's theme is *Older Americans: Connecting the Community*.

Older Americans Month 2011 A Proclamation

Whereas, (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) is a community that includes (INSERT NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY) citizens aged 60 and older; and

Whereas, the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

Whereas, our society can be enhanced by older adults aging peacefully in their communities; and

Whereas, the older adults in (INSERT COMMUNITY NAME) should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our community and nation; and

Whereas, our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by:

Increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens

Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community

Emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community

Now Therefore, (I/WE) of (CITY/TOWN) (STATE) do hereby proclaim May 2011 to be Older Americans Month. (I/WE) urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

Dated this _____ day of (Month), 2011

(Name of body approving proclamation)

By _____